COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 236/97

of 7 February 1997

determining the loss of income and the premiums applicable per ewe and per female goat in the Member States and the payment of the specific aid for sheep and goat farming in certain less-favoured areas of the Community for the 1996 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 of 25 September 1989 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1589/96 [2], and in particular Article 5 (6) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Canary Islands with regard to certain agricultural products [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 [4], and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas Article 5 (1) and (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 provides for a premium to be granted to compensate for any loss of income sustained by producers of sheepmeat and, in certain areas, of goatmeat; whereas those areas are defined in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 and in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1065/86 of 11 April 1986 determining the mountain areas in which the premium for goatmeat producers is granted [5], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3519/86 [6];

Whereas, pursuant to Article 5 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89, the Member States were authorized by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1138/96 [7] to pay an initial advance and by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2125/96 [8] to pay a second advance to sheepmeat and goatmeat producers; whereas the definitive premiums to be paid in respect of the 1996 marketing year must thus be fixed;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89, the premium payable to producers of heavy lambs in respect of the 1996 marketing year is obtained by multiplying the loss of income by a coefficient expressing the annual average production of heavy lamb meat per ewe producing such lambs, expressed in terms of 100 kilograms carcase weight; whereas, in accordance with the abovementioned Regulation, the premium per ewe for producers of light lambs and per female goat for the 1996 marketing year should be 80 % of the premium for producers of heavy lambs;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89, the premium must be reduced by the impact on the basis price of the coefficient provided for in Article 8 (2) of that Regulation; whereas that coefficient was fixed at 7 % by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2069/92 [9] amending Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89;

Whereas it is opportune to foresee that the aid provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90 of 14 May 1990 instituting specific aid for sheep and goat farming in certain less-favoured areas of the Community [10], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 40/96 [11], or the balance of this aid, resulting from the application of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1138/96, should be granted before a certain date and under what conditions;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 provides for the application from 1 July 1992 of specific measures with regard to agricultural production in the Canary Islands; whereas those measures involve the granting of a supplement to the premium payable to producers of light lambs and female goats on the same terms as those laid down for the granting of the premium provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89; whereas those terms provided for Spain to be authorized to pay the supplement to the premium;

Whereas the agricultural conversion rate has been frozen until 1 January 1999 for certain currencies by Council Regulation (EC) No 1527/95 [12];

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sheep and Goats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

It is hereby noted that the difference between the basic price less the impact of the coefficient provided for in Article 8 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 and the Community market price during the 1996 marketing year was ECU 105,434 per 100 kilograms.

[1] OJ No L 289, 7. 10. 1989, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 25.
[3] OJ No L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.
[4] OJ No L 320, 11. 12. 1996, p. 1.
[5] OJ No L 97, 12. 4. 1986, p. 25.
[6] OJ No L 325, 20. 11. 1986, p. 17.
[7] OJ No L 151, 26. 6. 1996, p. 2.
[8] OJ No L 284, 6. 11. 1996, p. 13.
[9] OJ No L 215, 30. 7. 1992, p. 59.
[10] OJ No L 132, 23. 5. 1990, p. 17.
[11] OJ No L 10, 13. 1. 1996, p. 6.
[12] OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 1.

Article 2

The coefficient provided for in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 is hereby fixed at 16 kilograms.

Article 3

1. The premium payable per ewe in respect of the 1996 marketing year shall be as follows:

(ECU)

Premium payable per ewe	
Producers of heavy lambs	Producers of light lambs
16,869	13,495

2. The premium payable per female of the caprine species and per region in areas listed in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 and in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1065/86 in respect of the 1996 marketing year shall be as follows:

(ECU)

Premium payable per female of the caprine species
13,495

Article 4

The specific aid which Member States are authorized to pay to producers of sheepmeat and goatmeat in less-favoured areas pursuant to Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90, within the limits and at the rates provided for in Article 5 (7) and the second indent of the second subparagraph of Article 5 (8) of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89, or, should it be the case, the balance of this aid, in the event of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1138/96 being applied, shall be paid before 15 October 1997. The agricultural conversion rate applicable to the amount of this specific aid is that of the last day of the 1996 marketing year.

Article 5

Pursuant to Article 13 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92, the supplement to the premium for the 1996 marketing year to be granted to producers of light lambs and female goats located in the Canary Islands, within the limits and at the rates laid down in Article 5 (7) and the second indent of the second subparagraph of Article 5 (8) of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 shall be as follows:

— ECU 5,426 per ewe in the case of producers as referred to in Article 5 (3) of that Regulation,

— ECU 5,426 per female goat in the case of producers as referred to in Article 5 (5) of that Regulation.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 February 1997.

For the Commission

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